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## **Applicants Sought for Springfield City Boards, Committees, and Commissions**

We're seeking dedicated individuals who want to offer their talents, experience and perspectives to help make a difference in the Springfield community! Community members are needed for a variety of Springfield boards, committees and commission opportunities. Applications are available by visiting our website at <https://www.springfield-or.gov/city/city-managers-office/boards-commissions-and-committees/>.

The Springfield City Council goals include fostering an environment that values diversity and inclusion. Springfield is a diverse community and individuals of all ages, ethnic and religious backgrounds, gender and sexual orientation are encouraged to apply.

The deadline to submit your application for any of the Boards, Committees, and Commissions is 5 p.m., Friday, November 5, 2021. Due to current COVID precautions, we ask that you complete and submit your application electronically if possible or contact the staff liaison listed for the committee you are interested in to make other arrangements.

Applicants will be interviewed during the month of November by the Springfield City Council during one of the four Work Sessions scheduled. Dates and times to be announced.

### **Springfield Library Board**

The City of Springfield is seeking applications for volunteer positions on the Springfield Library Advisory Board. The Library Advisory Board acts as a community sounding board on current Library department services including review of policies and procedures. It also participates in the Library's strategic planning process and future development of services in Springfield including both facilities and funding strategies. Springfield is a diverse community, persons of all ages, ethnic and religious backgrounds, gender and sexual orientation are encouraged to apply. The Board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall.

We are seeking two dynamic Springfield residents, or property owners to join the Board in order to help the Library fulfill its mission to provide Library services for personal enrichment, enjoyment, and lifelong learning for all Springfield residents.

The chosen applicants will complete a term that ends December 31, 2025. Applications for the committee are encouraged from lower-income earners, residents of lower-income neighborhoods, racial and ethnic minorities, senior residents, persons with disabilities and female heads of households.

**For more information, contact:** Emily David, Library Director, 541.726.2235 or at [edavid@springfield-or.gov](mailto:edavid@springfield-or.gov)

### **Springfield History Museum Committee**

The Springfield History Museum is seeking applicants with strong interest in the history and culture of Springfield to join its Museum advisory committee. The Museum's mission is to foster an awareness of the history of Springfield, provide a link between our past and present, and promote an appreciation of the diverse communities that call Springfield and rural East Lane County home. The committee is responsible for making recommendations for Museum exhibits and programs, drafting policies and procedures, and assisting with community outreach and publicity. The Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. every third Tuesday in the Springfield History Museum.

Requirements: Committee members are required to attend monthly meetings, as well as plan, develop, and assist with Museum projects and activities. Applicants must be at least 18 years old. Preference will be given to applicants who live or own a business in Springfield, which includes 97477, 97478, or 97482 zip codes.

**For Additional Information:** Madeline McGraw, 541.726.3677, [mmcgraw@springfield-or.gov](mailto:mmcgraw@springfield-or.gov)

### **Springfield Police Advisory Committee**

The police advisory committee was initially established in 1994 as the Police Planning Task Force to develop a long-range plan for providing police services. A plan was completed and adopted by City Council in April 1996, and updated in 2002 and 2010. To date, much of the long-range plan has been accomplished, most notably the construction and opening of the Springfield Municipal Jail. The committee has continued for the purpose of providing community input to the Chief of Police on long-range planning, plan implementation strategies and development of police department operational policies and procedures.

The police advisory committee consists of four neighborhood and community-at-large representatives, one School District 19 representative, one Willamalane Park and Recreation District representative, two local business community representatives, one cultural minority representative, and one faith community representative. The committee generally meets on the first Thursday of every other month.

The City of Springfield is seeking applications to fill volunteer positions on the nine member Springfield Police Advisory Committee. There are currently three open community-at-large positions.

**For Additional Information:** Jessica Crawford at 541.726.3729 or [jcrawford@springfield-or.gov](mailto:jcrawford@springfield-or.gov).

### **Historic Commission**

The City is currently accepting applications to fill two open positions on the Historic Commission. Interviews will be conducted by the City Council at a date to be named following the close of the recruitment period.

The qualifications for membership on the Historic Commission include being appointees of Willamalane Park and Recreation District or Springfield School District #19; or individuals who meet professional qualifications in the disciplines of architecture, history, architectural history, archeology, or related fields who live within the Metropolitan Area General Plan boundaries; or residents, electors, or property owners within Springfield.

The Springfield Historic Commission is appointed by the City Council and serves to advance the identification, protection, preservation, education, and interpretation of Springfield's cultural heritage and history. As such, the Commission organizes projects and programs to encourage stewardship of the community's historic assets. The Commission also reviews development and restoration requests within the Washburne Historic District and for other Springfield historic resources. Historic Commission meetings are held on the fourth Friday of every other month starting at 10 a.m. Meeting details can be found at [www.SpringfieldOregonSpeaks.org](http://www.SpringfieldOregonSpeaks.org).

The candidates appointed to these positions are eligible to serve up to two, four-year terms.

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### **Springfield Community Development Advisory Committee**

The City of Springfield is accepting applications for four vacancies on the Community Development Advisory Committee. The vacant positions are at-large appointments with 4-year terms. Three of the vacancies will be starting new 4-year terms on January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025. One of the vacancies will be filling the last 2 years of a member who has resigned, through December 31, 2023. Applicants must be residents of the City of Springfield or reside within Springfield's Urban Growth Boundary.

The volunteer committee advises the City Council on matters related to the City's housing and community development activities. Activities are funded annually by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Projects funded with HUD funds address the priority needs identified in the Eugene-Springfield five-year Consolidated Plan, and serve primarily low and moderate-income residents of the City.

The committee meets two to four times a year. They assist with reviewing annual plans for use of funds, including evaluating applications for funding, soliciting and receiving written comments from the public, conducting public hearings, and making recommendations to City Council.

Applications for the committee are encouraged from lower-income earners, residents of lower-income neighborhoods, racial and ethnic minorities, senior residents, persons with disabilities and female heads of households.

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### **Springfield Arts Commission**

The City is accepting applications for three vacancies for the Springfield Arts Commission. The Springfield Arts Commission is seeking applicants committed to enriching our community through art. Commissioners provide opportunities for artistic creation, exhibits, performances, events, and promote cooperation among local organizations to make art accessible for everyone. Springfield is a diverse community, persons of all ages, ethnic and religious backgrounds, gender and sexual orientation are encouraged to apply.

Commission members are required to attend evening meetings the second Tuesday of the month, September through June, as well as plan, develop, and assist with commission projects and activities. No fewer than seven of the nine members appointed to the Springfield Arts Commission must reside, own property, or own a business in Springfield (97477, 97478, or 97482). There is one non-resident seat available for application. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and be registered voters. Arts Commissioners serve "at-large" positions with no ward restrictions and four-year terms.

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